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TUESDAY EVENING.

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ITALY TO SIGN  
TREATY TO STICK  
TILL WAR ENDS

Agrees With Allies Not to Conclude Separate Peace.

Opening Clashes Confined to Minor Air and Sea Raids.

## GERMAN WEDGE FORCED BACK

Sign of Check in East Is More and More Apparent.

Teutons, Using Gas, Pierce British Lines in West.

Berlin, May 25.—General Macdonald has renewed his offensive against the Russians north of Przemyśl and yesterday captured 21,000 prisoners, according to the official statement given in Berlin today by the German war office.

London, May 25.—Active military and naval operations are now under way between Austria-Hungary and Italy, but land forces of any great strength have not as yet come into contact. Air and naval raids of a minor character form the sum total of the first 24 hours of warfare between these former allies in the triple alliance.

It is generally understood that Italy has arrived at an agreement with her new allies under the terms of which she will sign the existing treaty not to conclude a separate peace.

## German Wedge Wavers.

On the eastern frontier, the signs of a check to what at one time seemed an overwhelming Austro-German offensive movement are becoming more and more apparent. Even the flying wedge which was driven into the Russian center along the river San has been compelled to give some ground by the energetic counter attacks of the Russians.

In the west, General French reports the Germans, by the use of asphyxiating gases, were able to penetrate the British lines at two points, but he claims some of the trenches lost as a result of these tactics were regained in the subsequent fighting. The contest still is raging.

## Clean Sweep in Admiralty.

Domestic politics continue to absorb attention in England, but there is delay in attaining definite results and the membership of the new cabinet has not as yet been announced. This delay, according to the Manchester Guardian, a ministerialist organ, is due to the insistence by the Unionists on eight places in the cabinet as representing their numerical strength in the house of commons. A clean sweep is looked for in the admiralty, where it is said that Baron H. S. de Visser, who is Winston Churchill, will go.

## Paris Reports German Failure.

Paris, May 25.—The French war office this afternoon gave out this report:

"It was a night of considerable activity between the sea and Arras. In Belgium following a violent bombardment, a German attacking column endeavored to gain a footing on the highway between Valenciennes and Ypres. It was definitely checked.

"The Germans delivered two attacks yesterday to the north of Abbeville. In each case they were repulsed. To the north of Neuville they delivered four attacks, each of which was checked by the fire of our artillery.

"In these various aggressive endeavors, all of our forces were successful. The enemy suffered heavy losses.

"Nothing has been reported from the remainder of the front."

## SIGN JAP-CHINA TREATY

Signatures Attached to Pact in Peking and Tokio.

Peking, May 25.—via Petrograd, May 25.—The new treaty between China and Japan was signed at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Washington, May 25.—Tokio dispatches to the Japanese embassy say that at 3 p. m. May 25, two treaties covering the negotiations concerning the Shantung peninsula and Manchuria and Mongolia were signed and exchanged between Japan and China, with a note concerning other questions. No intimation of the contents of the note was contained in the dispatches.

Weather Forecast for Kansas, Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; somewhat lower temperature.

## POWER OF A CIGAR.

Berlin, May 25.—The newspaper Berliner Zeit am Mittag publishes a field letter in which a German soldier writes that cigars are a measure of value in the front lines fighting in France. In a number of villages in which Germans are quartered, nothing could be bought, and money therefore lost all its value. The soldiers in these villages have absolutely no way to spend the coin of the realm and send most of it home. Cigars, however, have risen in value and form an object of commercial intercourse. But, while in money exchange gold is the fixed standard, the quality of the cigars is of no importance in the present transaction. It does not matter whether the cigar is a Henry Clay, a La prima donna, or a primo, their purchasing power is the same. As a result quite a number of cigars are exchanged for other articles. A piece of sausage is worth four cigars. A pair of wristlets is worth twenty cigars. A bottle of cognac is worth thirty cigars. A person who desires to have his boots brushed has the work done for two cigars.

## ENVOYS GO FROM ROME

Von Buelow and Von Macchio Start for Berlin and Vienna.

Rome, May 24.—(Via Paris, May 25).—Baron von Macchio, Austrian ambassador to Italy, and Prince von Schoenburg-Hartenstein, ambassador to the vatican, with their staffs left



Prince von Buelow (top) and Baron Macchio.

for Vienna aboard a special train at 8 o'clock tonight. They were accompanied to the railroad station by Count Vintz, Spanish ambassador to the vatican. There was a large crowd at the station, but no demonstration. Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador, with Princess von Buelow, the German minister to the vatican and their staffs left for Berlin at 9:30 o'clock. They were followed fifteen minutes later by the Bavarian ministers to the quinal and the vatican, and their staffs.

## GAS AT VALENCIA

Enough Comes to Surface to Cause an Explosion.

Further Investigation of the Find Will Be Made.

That gas has been struck within a half mile of Valencia is the belief of several farmers in that vicinity. It is reported that E. L. Morris and George Adamson found traces of gas on the Morris farm a few days ago. Further development is expected.

During the heavy rains, Adamson and Morris were out in a pasture and were startled when they heard a noise a few feet beneath the surface of the ground. They dug a small hole and water spouted up several feet. Then they plugged the hole up with hay and later touched the hay with a match. It exploded. According to Valencia people who know something of gas, that is an excellent indication of gas.

Morris intends to investigate his discovery further and considerable interest is being taken in Valencia regarding the matter.

## HIGHEST IN TWO YEARS

Kansas River at Topeka Is Nearly 14 Feet in Depth—Crest Is Reached.

The Kaw river at Topeka this morning measures 13.2 feet or the highest stage in two years. It is rising slowly. "Sunny" Flora, the weather man, states that the stream will not go above the 15-foot mark. He predicts an end to this rainy weather and a rapid drop of the river to normal stage.

Showers in northeastern Kansas this morning and a slight rainfall in Topeka sends down the curtain on this "spell," according to Flora. The forecast calls for fair weather with lower temperature—cooler weather clearing away the showers. If it remains sultry the rains will keep right on ruining spring crops.

Ten Mays in the last 28 years of weather records have exceeded this morning in Topeka. It is not an unusual period for Kansas. Nearly six inches have fallen in Topeka this month. Most of the state was clear this morning. Showers in the northeastern sections clouded the weather map.

Today the wind blew at a rate of 20 miles an hour from the south. There was a trace of rain in Topeka this morning. However, this afternoon the sky was clear from Topeka to San Francisco with the promise of continued fair weather.

The hourly readings: The hottest this year, the lowest temperature being 71. Temperatures today ranged ten degrees above normal—August weather.

7 o'clock ..... 73 11 o'clock ..... 80  
8 o'clock ..... 75 12 o'clock ..... 82  
9 o'clock ..... 76 1 o'clock ..... 86  
10 o'clock ..... 78 2 o'clock ..... 87

BEWARE OF THE  
HOLLOW TOOTH

It Is the Worst Place Known for Bacteria.

That Is the Decision of Dentists in Convention.

## KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Meets in Forty-Third Annual Session at Auditorium.

More Than 200 Members Present at the Opening.

That the mouth is the first place to begin in prevention of disease and that a hollow tooth is the worst breeding place known for bacteria is the contention of men in Topeka today to attend the annual convention of the Kansas State Dental association at the Auditorium.

For proof of this the members point to results of scientific experiments in the last year. No matter how sanitary the surroundings of a person may be, no matter how much disinfectants are used in the prevention of disease, if the mouth and teeth are neglected the health of the public is placed in jeopardy, they maintain.

The forty-third annual convention began this morning at 9 o'clock with more than 200 members of the association in attendance. In the afternoon the number was increased to more than 300, the largest convention ever held by the state association. A small national convention, "was the first of its kind held in this state designated the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock with invocation and reading of the minutes of previous sessions. Between 9 and 10 o'clock a short business session was called at which reports were made by the various committees.

Discussion of Anaesthetics. "Who can take an anaesthetic," was discussed by Dr. E. P. Cressler of Peabody, Kan., who used as a basis for his contentions the method of Dr. W. A. Schtange. Dr. Cressler said his theory in his report on science and literature of the profession. The test, he contended, in agreement with Dr. Schtange, is based on the fact that a healthy person can suspend breathing from 30 to 40 seconds. In persons with weak hearts the time is shortened to 20 or even 10 seconds. In making the test the patient is seated in a chair and told to take a moderately deep inspiration and with his mouth closed to hold his breath as long as he can. The shorter the time the patient can suspend breathing the greater the danger of an anaesthetic, the latter being contra-indicated if the time is less than 20 seconds. Mention of other discoveries and papers offered in the last year by authorities in the dental profession was made by Dr. Cressler.

## Arts and Inventions.

A report on arts and inventions in the last year was made by Dr. H. L. McWitt of Pittsburg during the business session. Dr. McWitt's report showed that great strides have been made in the inventions and improved equipment of the trade in the last year. The list covered eight pages. In closing his report Dr. McWitt said: "You will see that the dental profession is an inventive one and we, as both a class and individuals, have quite an assortment to select from and add to. We are only beginning and as for the future, I, as your committeeman, can only predict a betterment in the art of dentistry and more convenient ways and perfect appliances with which to perform our duties."

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## RAL INQUIRY JUNE 4.

Board to Resume Hearing in the Rock Island Finance.

Washington, May 25.—Investigation into financial affairs of the Rock Island railway will be resumed by the interstate commerce commission at a hearing June 4.

## BASEBALL TODAY.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE.

New York, at Chicago—Postponed; wet grounds.  
Boston, at St. Louis—Game postponed; rain.

## FEDERAL LEAGUE.

At Pittsburgh—First game: R H E Brooklyn, ..... 4 12 0 Pittsburgh, ..... 2 6 2 Batteries—Seaton and Pratt; Knetzer and Berry.

Buffalo, at Chicago—Game postponed; wet grounds.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Columbus, at Milwaukee—Game postponed; rain.  
Louisville, at Minneapolis—Game postponed; rain.

ITALY'S LAND  
FORCES DRIVE  
ACROSS BORDER

Occupy Caporetto and Other Towns in Austria.

Armies Take Heights Between Idria and Isonzo.

## BUSSO IS SWEEP BY SHELL

Railway Station Is Destroyed and Barracks Are Wrecked.

Rome Destroyer Sinks All Motor Boats in Harbor.

Rome, May 25.—King Victor Emmanuel left for the front today accompanied by his staff and escorted by guards. A huge crowd gave him an enthusiastic ovation.

Rome, May 25.—Official announcement was made by the war office today that Italian forces had penetrated Austria, occupying Caporetto, the heights between the Idria and Isonzo, and the towns of Cormons, Cervignano and Terzo.

The statement says these operations took in the Austrian crown land of Carniole, and in the Friuli district. The towns of Caporetto, Cormons, Cervignano and Terzo are two or three miles from the Italian border line. They stretch along the frontier on a line running north from the Gulf of Trieste. The Austrian town of Gorz is five miles to the east of Cormons, and Trieste itself is 25 miles from the border line.

Railroads running east and west pass through both Cormons and Terzo.

## ITALIANS ATTACK BUSO.

Destroy Port's Landing Stages, Rail Station and Barracks.

Rome, May 24.—(Via Paris, May 25).—The following official statement was issued tonight by the Italian general staff:

"An Italian destroyer entered the port of Buso, near the Austrian frontier, and destroyed the landing stages, the railroad station and barracks, as well as all motorboats in the harbor. The destroyer was not damaged and none of the crew was wounded. Two of the enemy were killed and we took 47 prisoners, including an officer and fifteen non-commissioned officers, who were brought to Venice.

"According to supplementary information received, the two enemy aeroplanes which appeared over Venice this morning dropped eleven bombs without causing serious damage. The fire from our defenses put them to flight. The damage to the railroad caused by the attacks of warships and aeroplanes in the early hours of the morning was unimportant and already has been repaired.

"The Austrian cannonade sank a German steamer in the harbor of Ancona."

## ARTICLE SEVEN "VOID."

Belated Story Purports to Show Austria's Contempt for Treaty.

On the Italian front, May 25.—Deputy Barzilai has given to the Rome Messenger an account of a conversation he had with Marquis San Giuliano.

Italy's late foreign minister, shortly before Austria's declaration of war on Serbia, of which Italy had no previous knowledge. According to Signor Barzilai he was told by the foreign minister that Austria had informed the Italian government that during the Austrian bombardment of Italy in return for every Austrian territorial gain "must be considered null and of no effect." Two days after Italy's declaration of neutrality, the Austrian ambassador is said to have informed Italy that she reconsidered her decision Austria was prepared to renounce her interpretation of article seven.

## MOVING TRAIN SHELLED.

Traveling Civilians Killed When Austrians Bombard Ancona.

London, May 25.—Five or six civilians were killed when a train traveling at full speed was struck by a shell during the Austrian bombardment of the Italian town of Ancona. This is reported by the Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail.

The fire of the warships damaged part of the railway station and five engines," said the correspondent. "The damage to the fort was insignificant. That in the town was somewhat more extensive."

## AUSTRIAN SHIP CRIPPLED.

War Vessel, With List, Believed Damaged in Coast Attack.

Rome, May 25.—One of the Austrian warships which took part in yesterday's attack on the east coast of Italy is believed in Rome to have been injured. The ministry of marine has announced that a steamer had sighted an Austrian warship with a heavy list and that it probably was the vessel which attacked Barletta and was driven off.

## Ex-Chief Collins Dead.

Chicago, May 25.—John M. Collins, chief of police under Mayor Dunne, ten years ago, died today of pneumonia. He was 52 years old.

## TRADE BALANCE GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

Washington, May 25.—Secretary Redfield today reported the trade balance in favor of the United States for the week ended May 22 at approximately \$19,000,000. He estimates that the total balance since last July has been \$900,000,000.

ITALY EXPECTS BIG INCREASE IN  
TERRITORY AS RESULT OF THE WAR

For taking up arms against Austria and Germany Italy has been promised by the allies, it is said, the Austrian coast line on the Adriatic, the southern part of Tyrol, Albania, part of the Ottoman Empire, and portions of the German colonies.

## BECKER MUST DIE NEW SEA BARRIER

Court of Appeals Upholds His Second Conviction.

United States Perturbed Over Britain's Latest Notice.

Embargo on North Routes Out-Does German "War Zone."

Hope of Executive Clemency.

Albany, May 25.—The second conviction of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker for instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, was upheld today by the court of appeals.

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## BILLION DOLLARS!

Unprecedented Trade Balance Direct Result of War.

Figures Leap Well Beyond the \$900,000,000 Mark.

Washington, May 25.—A billion dollar trade balance in America's favor as the direct result of the European war is already in sight, Secretary Redfield told the president and cabinet today.

Tomorrow the figures will have gone well above the \$900,000,000 mark. They are unprecedented, having exceeded anything anticipated at the outbreak of hostilities.

Italy's entrance in the war, the secretary explained, makes it certain that past figures will be exceeded.

Redfield's record was the only bit of silver lining the clouded international situation revealed at today's cabinet meeting.

## TOKIO SOLONS ROW

Cry of Traitor Is Hurlled at Foreign Minister.

Shimada, Who Forces Apology, Is Target for Attack.

Anglo-French Ships Again Bombard Turkish Forts.

Allies, Reinforced, Make New Drive at Dardanelles.

Athens, May 25.—Reinforced by the arrival of fresh transports, the Anglo-French expeditionary force at the Dardanelles repulsed a Turkish attack yesterday and developed a new offensive.

Mytlenne dispatches today reported that the debarkation of the new forces began before daybreak Monday and is continuing. Inside the straits the allied fleet has resumed its violent bombardment of the Turkish forts.

## U. S. STILL IS NEUTRAL

President Issues Proclamation Upon Italy's War Plunge.

Washington, May 25.—A neutrality proclamation by the United States covering the entry of Italy in the European war was published today by the state department under date of May 24th.

## PARCEL POST CUT OFF

Washington, May 25.—The Italian postoffice department today notified the United States of the suspension of parcel post between the two countries. Packages now in the mails will be returned to the senders.

## Iowa Ex-Justice Dead.

Iowa City, May 25.—Judge Emilin McClain, former chief justice of the Iowa supreme court, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home here today.

U. S. IS TOWER  
OF STRENGTH IN  
WORLD FINANCE

Never Before So Able to Extend Credit to Nations.

Governor Hamlin of Federal Board in Optimistic Note.

## PRAISE FOR BANKING SYSTEM

One of Strongest on Globe Through Reserve Act.

Pan-American Conference Held of Deep Significance.

Washington, May 25.—Governor Hamlin of the federal reserve board, the first speaker at today's general session of the Pan-American financial conference, told the delegates that the United States never before was in the position it occupies today to extend its trade by granting credit to those nations which wish to be its customers.

## Influence Throughout World.

This conference was declared by the governor to be an event of deep significance to the whole civilized world. "I believe," said he, "that the world realizes today that the prosperity of the people of one nation in the long run tends to the prosperity of other nations, while the adversity of one people must ultimately tend to the adversity of others. Just as the individual prospers best when his country prospers, so the nation prospers best when the prosperity of all nations prospers."

Mr. Hamlin said he would leave to others a detailed explanation of how the financial resources of the United States have been strengthened by the

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## BRYAN LEFT OUT

Secretary of State Not Invited to Clark Wedding.

Family Still Remembers That Baltimore Convention.

Bowling Green, Mo., May 25.—President Wilson and every member of his cabinet except Secretary of State Bryan, will be invited to attend the marriage of Miss Genevieve Clark, only daughter of Speaker Champ Clark, to James M. Thompson, a New Orleans newspaperman, June 15.

Practically every noted American's name is included in the list of 5,000 persons invited to the nuptials. Members of the Clark family today refused to state why Secretary Bryan's name was omitted.

## UNITED WE STAND

The Americas for Americans All Over Western Hemisphere.

Colombian Delegate Makes Rousing Speech in Washington.

Washington, May 25.—The Americas for Americans. That was the slogan of inviolability that no European nation shall dare to violate was the slogan sounded today at the Pan-American financial conference by Dr. Santiago Perez Triana, delegate from Colombia. In a speech that stirred the conference as it has been moved only by the address of President Wilson, the Colombian delegate pictured the prime minister of an unnamed European nation faced with the problems of over population and restricted territory at home working for the conquest of the untouched fields of the western hemisphere.

"We in America," he said, "should be prepared to make our inviolability stronger every day. We have seen what that inviolability means by this war. There may be distrust even in loving families. There may be dark corners in the past history of this continent, but let us see that in the future our harmony is transparent. There may have been failures in the past, but let us bury them. Let the dead past bury its dead. Let the nations here represented in solemn and formal fashion make it manifest that none of them covet the territory of any other, and that the homes and territory of each shall be sacred."

## KING OF GREECE MENDS

Wound Discharging Freely; Temperature Nears Normal.

Washington, May 25.—Dispatches from Athens to the Greek legation report King Constantine's wound discharging freely and his temperature recovered from subnormal and to be 99.

It was explained that a British specialist had been called because he was personally acquainted with the king and familiar with his case.

## SWISS ACT FOR BERLIN

Spain Represents Austria-Hungary at Rome During War.

Berne, May 25.—The Swiss government has announced that it will represent the interests at Rome of the German empire and of Bavaria and that the interests of Austria-Hungary will be represented by Spain.